

(d) and (e). The matter of licensing/delicensing of bulk drugs is being considered in the ongoing review of the Drug Policy.

[*Translation*]

Manufacture of Electronic/Battery Cars

2258. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have allowed some companies to manufacture cars;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the cars manufactured by those companies will be operated by petrol or diesel;

(d) whether a number of application are pending with the Government for the manufacture of pollution-free electric or battery operated cars, and if so, the number of such applications pending;

(e) the reasons for not encouraging manufacturers of electric or battery operated cars; and

(f) whether the Government propose to allow manufacture of such cars in future; and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). No fresh capacity for the manufacture of passenger cars has been approved during the last three years.

(d) to (f). Two proposals have been received for the manufacture of Electric/Battery Operated cars. Decisions on these proposals will be taken on the merits of each case in accordance with the existing policy.

[*English*]

Extension/Re-Employment of Employees of PSUs after Superannuation

2259. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director-General, Bureau of Public enterprises had written a letter to the Chief Executives of all public enterprises on February 10, 1983 regarding extension/re-employment after superannuation;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the directive of 1983 of the Government still stands;

(d) if so, the precise details thereof;

(e) whether any other directive/letter is being issued by the BPE superseding the letter of February 10, 1983; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor and a copy of the letter be laid on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUGON): (a) to (d). The Director General of the then Bureau of Public Enterprises had written a letter to the Chief Executives of all Central Public Enterprise on 10.2.1983 asking them to review the cases of below Board level Officers who were on extension/re-employment and issue orders terminating their services by giving them required notice. It was also mentioned in the said letter that if the management for any special reasons considers that the extension/re-employment already approved be allowed to run its course, specific approval of the Board of Directors should be obtained afresh. These instructions were issued to emphasise the need to eschew the tendency of

granting extension in service/re-employment to superannuated person. The Bureau of Public Enterprises had not issued any further instructions on the matter to the public enterprises

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Production of Honey by Khadi and Village Industries Commission

2260. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to start a honey processing unit in Kerala by Khadi and Village Industries Commission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is a proposal to install big honey processing unit near Cochin with a capacity of processing of one lakh kg. honey annually.

Prices of Essential Commodities Supplied through Public Distribution System

2261. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the latest issue prices and maximum, retail price of rice, wheat, sugar etc, distributed through the Public distribution system; and

(b) the amount of subsidy being borne by the Union Government in the matter of supply of rice, wheat and sugar to the consumers itemwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUD-DIN AHMED): (a) A statement showing the Central Issue Prices of key essential commodities is given in the Statement below. The State Governments/U.T. Administrations fix the retail prices of key essential commodities distributed under Public Distribution System taking into account, generally, the transport cost, margins to the fair price shops, State Government's subsidy, of any, and other incidentals. End retail prices therefor vary from State to State.

(b) The amount of overall subsidy paid by the Government of India to the Food Corporation of India in 1990-91 is as under:

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Subsidy in 1990-91 (RE) (Rs. in crores)</i>
Foodgrains (rice & Wheat)	Rs. 2142.4
Levy Sugar	Rs. 307.6